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The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States

Dear Mr. President:

The few days that I have been here have been spent mostly at the United Nations in an effort to explain ourselves to America and the world. But I have kept in touch with your thinking through Ambassador Goldberg, Mr. Bundy and others.

We have passed through many dangers. But even victory has many problems which we would like to face in frank consultation with the United States. I cannot leave without saying how deeply we have understood your own reactions and policies during this crucial week. Mr. Eshkol and I believe that your

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personal statesmanship is destined to contribute much to the building of a new future for Israel and other nations in the Middle East. This impression has been greatly strengthened by your own forward looking statements and by our contacts with those who speak for you.

I am deeply mortified and grieved by the tragic accident involving the lives and safety of Americans in Middle Eastern waters.

With respectful wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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